

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-24 (Canceled).

25. (Previously presented) A drug loaded stent, comprising:

 a radially expandable stent body,
 a coating layer disposed on the stent body, and
 polymeric particles containing a therapeutic substance embedded within the
 coating layer.

26. (Previously presented) The stent of Claim 25, wherein the coating layer includes a polymer, the polymer being different than the polymer from which the particles are made.

27. (Previously presented) The stent of Claim 25, wherein the coating layer is free from any therapeutic substances.

28. (Previously presented) The stent of Claim 25, wherein the polymeric particles are made from a hydrogel material.

29. (Previously presented) The stent of Claim 25, wherein the particles are 0.5 to 2 microns in size.

30. (Previously presented) The stent of Claim 25, wherein the therapeutic substance is for the treatment of restenosis.

31. (Previously presented) The stent of Claim 25, wherein the therapeutic substance is a radioactive isotope.

32. (Currently amended) A medical device, comprising an implantable substrate and a coating, wherein the coating includes particles of a polymeric material having a therapeutic substance added thereto.

33. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 32, wherein the coating is free from any therapeutic substances.